

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and apparatus is described as having the useful purpose of assisting ambulatory infirm individuals to their feet from a floor level posture when non-injurious falls are experienced. A mast guided seat that is translated along the mast by a D.C. motor driven linear actuator is supported on a wheeled frame for convenient movement by a care-giving party to proximity with a downed individual. The seat is capable of a floor contacting position. As the seat approaches the floor, a wheel breaking mechanism is engaged to prevent further movement of the machine along the floor as the user mounts the seat.